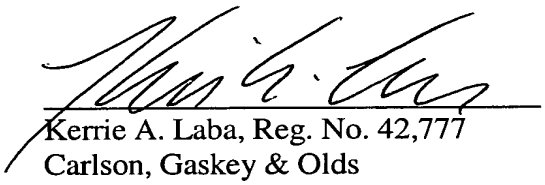
REMARKS

Claims 1-24 have been cancelled. By the present amendment, Applicant has added new claims 25-49. Applicant respectfully requests examination of the claims.

It is believed that no additional fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,



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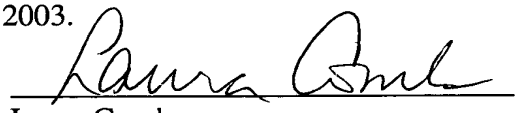
CERTIFICATE OF MAIL

I hereby certify that the enclosed Preliminary Amendment is being sent via Express Mail (EV221422234US) addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 7th day of October, 2003.



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